

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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CONT. with water and/or water-miscible organic solvent and then pulverized. Furthermore, an aqueous solution prepared by extracting the natural material with water may be added without pulverizing, or the pulverized product of the natural material may be added as it is. --

Page 23, lines 1-6, delete in their entirety, and insert therefor

B2 -- It has been known that the neutrophil produces active oxygen so as to detoxify foreign materials and bacteria in the living body. Particularly, the neutrophil has a dimutated system of hydrogen peroxide which is referred to as "MPO", thereby producing perchloric acid or monochloramine having high cytotoxicity. At the time of the excessive reaction, the transudation of the neutrophil to the exterior of MPO is confirmed and it is considered to be one factor to cause the disorder of the biomembrane. There is also a report that the infiltration of neutrophil is connected with its crisis mechanism in indomethacin-induced gastric ulcer and hydrogen peroxide-induced gastric mucosal lesions. --

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended in order to correct obvious typographical errors therein and to make the specification consistent with the parent applications. Hence, the amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter, and thus entry is respectfully requested.